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DEPT PASS TO NASA HQ, CODE I, U. JOHN SAKKS

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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE NASA SPACE PROGRAMS

1. DURING VISIT OF SCICOUNS TO WASHINGTON, NASA HQ ASKED HIM TO CHECK ON STATUS OF U. OF TOKYO/ISAS RELATIONSHIP WITH JET PROPULSION LABORATORY ON PLANNING OF JUPITER MOTHER/ DAUGHTER SATELLITE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. PROF. HOMURA OF ISAS STATES THAT DURING BARNES VISIT TO TOKYO LAST OCTOBER, LATTER SAID THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE LITTLE HOPE THAT PROJECT WOULD BE APPROVED AND SUGGESTED THAT ISAS LOOK INTO BROADER RANGE OF PLANETARY MISSIONS. ALTHOUGH STILL INTERESTED IN CONCEPT, ISAS HAS BEGUN EXAMINATION OF OTHER POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE PROJECTS, BUT EFFORT IS AT LOW LEVEL DUE TO PREOCCUPATION WITH PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF SPACELAB I EXPERIMENT. WORKSHOP MEETING ON JUPITER SATELLITE WITH JPL, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY OR JUNE, HAS BEEN DELAYED ACCORDINGLY.

2. SCICOUNS ALSO HAS TALKED TO STA, NASDA, AND ISAS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN BECOMING MAJOR PARTNER WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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US IN SPACELAB MATERIALS PROCESSING MISSION. ALL AGENCIES SHOWED GREAT INTEREST, BUT PROBLEM OF FUNDING (\$10-15 MILLION) FOR GOJ IS SEVERE. PROJECT WOULD HAVE TO BE DECLARED A "NATIONAL PROJECT." IN ADDITION, CONSIDERABLE R&D WORK LEADING TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF MODULE WOULD HAVE TO BE PERFORMED BY BOTH USG AND GOJ, REQUIRING ADDITIONAL COSTS. ONLY EFFORT IN THIS

DIRECTION NOW UNDERWAY IS SMALL STUDY AT ISAS WHICH IS EXAMINING LAUNCH OF A SMALL FURNACE ON A SOUNDING ROCKET; EVEN THIS PROJECT WOULD NOT BE PERFORMED UNTIL 1981-1983 TIME FRAME. SUGGEST THAT IF NASA WISHES TO PURSUE CONCEPT WITH GOJ THAT A BRIEF PROSPECTUS BE PREPARED WHICH OUTLINES REALISTIC SCHEDULE, ESTIMATED R&D COSTS, MISSION COSTS, AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS. WE BELIEVE THAT SUFFICIENT INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED BY GOJ OFFICIALS TO WARRANT LIMITED AMOUNT OF NASA PROMOTION. MANSFIELD

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